

DEDICATION

Betel Old Folks Home

(NEW ADDITION)

Gimli, Manitoba



Sunday, June 2nd, 1957 - 2.30 p.m.

Conducted by
The Rev. S. OLAFSSON, President
Board of Trustees - Betel Old Folks Home

Assisted by the Gimli Lutheran Church Choir
Mrs. CLIFFORD STEVENS
Organist and Choir Director

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude Mrs. Clifford Stevens, Organist

Opening Hymn:

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter these,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him Who answers prayer.
O how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light and grace.

Here, Thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

Gracious God, I come before Thee
Come Thou also down to me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heaven on earth shall be.
To my heart O enter Thou,
Let it be Thy temple now.

Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep Thy gift divine;
Howsoever temptations thicken,
May Thy Word still o'er me shine,
As my pole star through my life,
As my comfort in my strife.

Speak O God, and I will hear Thee,
Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows,
Here is balm for all our woes.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.
Our help is in the Name of the Lord. Responses: Who made heaven and earth.

Then shall be read responsively:

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. For He hath founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek Him: that seek thy face, O, Jacob. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: And the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Keys of the building be given the President of Synod, who shall say: Peace be to this house. Response: And to all that dwell therein.

The President of Synod shall then lead the audience in the following responsive reading:

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will now say, Peace be unto thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek thy good.

Then shall be sung the hymn:

Love divine, all love excellng,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fit to us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Graciously return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy precious love.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be,
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder love and praise.

The First Lesson: Mat. 25:34-45 **The Rev. John Follmer, Pastor, Gmli Parish**

The Second Lesson: 1. Cor. 13:1-13 **The Rev. Eric Sigmar, Secretary of Synod**

Vocal Solo: "Bless This House" **The Rev. Eric Sigmar**

Sermon: "THE MOTIVATING POWER" **The Rev. V. J. Eylands, D.D.,
President of Synod**

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Closing Prayers

The Closing Hymn

Nú gjakdi Guði þökk
hans gjörvill barna hjóðin
um dýrð og hátíga hans
her hinsis vott og jóðin,
Frá anku varri var
oss vernd og skjól hans náð,
og allt vott hatti bál
hans blessað líksarráð.

Vor Guð, sem gjörvill á,
oss gefi snæðum mörnum
í hjörtum aðstæðna að
af andans gæðum sönnum;
í róð og skít við sig
oss seka taki hann
og leiði loks til sín
í ljóð or dýrðar rann.

Guð fátla, þökk sé þér
og þínum dýrsta syni
og aðstæðna anda skýrð
af eagla og manna kyni.
Þitt vald sem var og er
og verður alla tíð,
sé heiðrað hátítt um jóð
og hinsis ár og síð.

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